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The Umpire

"It looks easy, but try it."

So said a veteran umpire, and so was Bob Harter prepared to say after his first experience in a really important game. He had presided over matches between classes and societies with good success, and had shown himself possessed of the cardinal qualifications of a good baseball umpire—an accurate eye, thorough knowledge of the rules, promptness in deciding, and firmness in maintaining a position once taken. Therefore when the managers of two neighboring college teams agreed upon him as the official for the deciding game of their series he took it as a compliment and readily accepted. The contestants were the State University and Lowland College, and the game was to be played on the unversity grounds.

Harter met the two captains together in order to reach a clear understanding as to ground rules and other possibly debatable points, and closed the interview by saying: "Now, fellows, I'm here to give you both a square deal. I'll probably make some mistakes, but they shall be as few as I can make them, and they'll be unintentional. Another thing: It will do no good to 'kick.' I expect to decide each point as I I see it, and then stand by my decision."

Harter's troubles began almost immediately. It seemed to him that there never had been a game in which so many pitched balls "cut the corners" and in which there came such an endless succession of close plays. Often, as he stood behind the pitcher, it was impossible to be quite certain whether the ball in its quick shoot to right or left had really passed over the corner of the plate or had swung behind it just as it reached the catcher's glove. Whichever way he decided, one side or the other was sure he was wrong. When he called: "strike," the batter would protest with an angry swing of his bat; if he said "ball," the pitcher would turn and glare at him reproachfully, or growl out a request to know "What was the matter with that?"

On bases it was just as bad. At almost every infield play runner and ball reached first base at so nearly the same instant that it was hard to say which had the infinitesimal advantage; and nearly every decision there was the subject of excited criticism from players or spectators.

The same was true at the other bases. When a man tried to "steal" and the catcher threw the ball to second, Harter would rush to the spot and peer into the cloud of dust raised by the slide. Sometimes he could be sure, often he had to decide off-hand between two equal probabilities, usually giving the runner the benefit of the doubt. Always he aimed to consider only the play, and not the uniform, but the game was being "played for blood," and heated partisans of one side or the other did not hestitate in their excitement to apply to him epithets of which "robber" was one of the mildest.

Thus it went till the last half of the ninth inning was reached, and Harter, more wearied by the strain than he would have been by the physical exertion of playing several games himself, looked forward eagerly to his speedy release and an opportunity to sit down and rest. The score stood 3 to 2 in favor of the university, with Lowland at the bat. Clark, the Lowland captain, had hit safely after one man was out, had stolen second and been advanced to third by a sacrifice. The next batter was hit by the pitcher, and the next was sent to first on balls. Thus the bases were full, with two out.

The man at bat was an excellent hitter, and was anxious to "line it out" in an effort to clear the bases. The captain, however, fearing a fly, signaled for a "squeeze play," which at that time was entirely new. The Lowlanders had tried it with good success in practice, but neither team had ever used it in a game. With a batsman less sure than Wilton it would have been a reckless play. At best it was uncertain, but Captain Clark hoped by springing it unexpectedly to surprise his opponents and tie the score. With two out and so much at stake no one would dream of his trying such a play.

This was the modus operandi: Captain Clark took as long a "lead" off third as he dared, and when the pitcher had gone so far with his preliminary motions that he must deliver the ball to the bat or be guilty of a balk, Clark suddenly dashed at full speed for home. As he did so the batter, who had posed as if he intended to "smash" the ball, quickly shifted his position and "bunted"—held his bat stationary before the ball so that it merely stopped and made to roll just inside the foul line.

The late the pitcher saw what was happening. He flung himself desperately at the ball, falling prostrate as he reached it. He saw the runner dive for the plate, and, having no time to rise, tossed it as he lay to the catcher. It struck the big mit an incalculable fraction of a second before Clark, as he slid, touched the marble slab with his outstretched fingers.

With the bases full it was a "forced run," and if the catcher was touching the plate when he caught the ball the runner, of course was out. In that case the game was ended, with the score 3 to 2 in favor of the university. If not, Clark had scored, and it was a tie. The umpire, close to the plate and bending to watch the play, saw that as the ball flew a little to one side the catcher was forced to lift his foot for one short instant, and it was in that instant that Clark's finger grazed the plate. He therefore called "safe," and made the corresponding signal with prone hand.

It proved to be the signal for a small riot. Assuming that the game was ended the crowd had swarmed from the bleachers out over the field, and now the umpire was surrounded by a mob of home players and their partisans, yelling and gesticulating as only a baseball crowd can do. The Lowland captain also forced his way in, and insisted on presenting his view of the matter. For several miuutes it looked as if there might be physical violence, but calmer counsels prevailed, and with great difficulty the field was cleared and the game resumed.

It was a trying situation for the university players. With the score tied and the bases full, there were many chances for the side at bat to win. A hit, a base on balls, the hitting of the batter by a pitched ball, an error by a fielder, a wild pitch or a passed ball—any one of these possible and even probable occurrences meant victory for the visitors. Already the pitcher, in hitting one man and giving another his base, had shown symptoms of being "up in the air," and indeed the whole team felt the strain. A few quiet words from their captain, however, keyed them up anew in nerve and spirit, and the game went on.

Then came a play and a decision, both of which were unique. Of course, with the bases full, any kind of hit would "force" each runner. It was at this critical juncture that a swift grounder was knocked almost directly toward the third baseman, who was playing well off. He had not time after recovering his balance to throw to any base nor to reach his own position, and so he tried to touch Zenor, the runner from second, who was coming at full speed and was almost upon him. Thinking the runner would slide the baseman stooped to "put it on him." But Zenor had no intention of being caught so easily. With a tremendous leap he actually cleared the crouching baseman and landed in a heap on the base. Meantime the man who had been on third had reached home.

Again there was pandemonium. The crowd was wild with the swift succession of emotions. At the sharp crack of the bat everyone had felt sure that it was a safe hit and that it had won the game for Lowland. Then when the baseman made his brilliant stop and stopped to touch the runner it seemed to all that the play must end the inning and leave the score tied. But then came Zenor's astounding leap, which brought him untouched to third and apparently made possible the winning run.

Even the university men were putting away their bats and preparing to leave the field when, to the astonishment of all, the umpire signaled "out" at third. There was a moment of stupified silence, then a roar in which the notes of joy and rage were mingled as the two parties realized what it meant. Again was Harter surrounded by a yelling, cheering, protesting mob of players.

"What did you call that play?" demanded the captain of the Lowlands, fairly foaming with wrath and excitement.

"The man is out. Play ball."

"How is he out? The fielder wasn't on his base, and didn't touch him."

"He is out because he ran more than three feet from a direct line between the bases * * * to avoid being touched," said Harter, quoting from the rules.

"He didn't run out of the line. He jumped over the baseman."

"The line between the bases is on the ground, and he jumped more than three feet high. It is a new question, but my decision is that the jump was one of his strides in running, and as he rose more than three feet above the line he violated the rule and is out. Now play ball."

It is not necessary here either to criticise or to defend this rather remarkable interpretation of the rule, but merely to tell what happened. There was more wrangling, though the Lowlanders were almost speechless with amazement and excitement. The umpire was immovable, however, and in the end they yielded as their opponents had done on the decision at the plate. As Captain Clark put it. "It's a crazy decision, of course, but he's doing the best he can, so come on, fellows."

The next inning was comparatively uneventful, and it was not till the eleventh that the Lowlanders finally batted in the winning tally.

In spite of the hard things that were said about the umpire and his work, it was realized, when the game was talked over afterward, how difficult it had been, with its multitude of close decisions, and all agreed that Harter had dealt fairly with both sides. When it was proposed to seek his services for the next year's contest both managers assented, though Clark added, with a laugh, "We must have an interpretatian of that three-foot rule, though, that will cover the case of high jumpers like Zenor."

Catholic Church Notices.

St. Francis Xavier's, 30 West 16th Street—Instruction and Services in the College Hall, at 3:30 P.M., on the third Sunday of the month.

St. Rose's, 165th Street, west of Amsterdam Avenue—Services and Catechism on Sundays at 9 A.M.

St. Vincent Ferrer's, Lexington Avenue and 66th Street—Services and Catechism on Sundays at 9 A.M.

BROOKLYN.—Knights of Columbus Hall, Hanson Place and South Portland Avenue—Religious Instruction at 3:30 P.M., on the fourth Sunday of the month.

JERSEY CITY—St. Peter's, 144 Grand Street, Services and Instruction in the College Hall, at 3:30 P. M., on the first Sunday of the month.

Under the direction of
REV. M. R. MCCARTHY, S. J.

SOUTHERN DIOCESES.

REV. OLIVER J. WHILDIN, *General Missionary.*

Church services are held in the following places by the lay-readers mentioned on such Sundays and other days, and at such hours as are locally announced. The general missionary visits these and numerous other stations throughout the the South at intervals to be appointed and locally made known.

LAY-READERS.

Grace Chapel, Baltimore, Mr. G. W. Boss.
Trinity Chapel, Washington, Mr. H. L. Stafford.
St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, Mr. J. C. Bremer.
St. Philip's Church, Durham, N. C., Mr. R. Fortune.
Christ Church, Little Rock, Ark., Mr. J. H. Eddy.
St. Paul's Church, New Orleans, La., Mr. H. L. Tracy.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

March 15, 1908.—Take courage, ye teachers and preachers and the deaf in general—it is only two years and five months until August 15, 1910, when the N. A. D. will attempt to reach "Pike's Peak or bust"—bust a few buttons surely, and maybe the Federation scheme. "Log rolling" in the mountaineous convention town, too, will be found a dangerous sport, as the hills are steep, that is, if you're able to get up to the top and look downward.

Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston was in this city, for three weeks. He formerly was pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, which has a number of deaf in its congregation. While here Dr. Johnston lectured several times and addressed the pupils on Sunday afternoon at the Institution, in the sign language. As a result of his visit, the First Presbyterian Church has extended an invitation to Dr. Johnston to become pastor, and no doubt it will be accepted. Dr. Johnston was for a short time one of the directors of the New York Institution.

Work has been started on the new Industrial Building for the Colorado Institution. When this is completed and the plants moved out of the old into the new, the former Industrial building will be altered, the roof raised and an additional story added. In the fall this will serve as Kindergarten building, thereby separating entirely theyounger and older pupils.

The first baseball game for 1908 was played on Washburn Field, Saturday, February 22d, between Colorado College and the Institution team. The college boys swamped the deaf-mutes to the tune of 25 to 8. Such defeats and so early in the season are apt to cause embarrassment to the city deaf when meeting sporting acquaintances, and excuses generally go about on lame and tottering feet. Geo. Hill and J. Tuskey will improve with warm weather, however, and then red bats swinging through the rarifield air will be plentiful.

Clarence P. Jones was elected chairman of the Outwest chapel recently, which office he has held several terms. Then he had the inside of his Vermijo Street home painted and decorated by Leo Brittel, a deaf-mute, to celebrate the occasion. But haste spoiled Mr. Jones' eyesight, and he had a bad fall from his wheel one evening, which necessitated a lay off for a few days, by reson of an injury to his knee cap. He's fine as silk again.

A young deaf-mute, a former pupil of the Institution, recently tramped on foot over seventy-five miles through all kinds of rough land in freezing weather, in order to see his *Alma Mater* and former chums. Being without funds, Supt. Argo kept him at the school and notified the parents of the lad's whereabouts. Loyalty overcomes all obstacles!

John Winemiller waxes warm over the poultry business if any one doubts he has handled two White Leghorn roosters, each valued at $1,000. It looks as if John has put a comma between the figures instead of a period, and should read $10.00. Why, two prize cockerels sold here the other day for $1.50 each. He may forget poultry prices when he goes down to the San Luis Valley farm this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMann, of New York, reached this city Sunday afternoon, March 15th, from Salt Lake City, Utah, where they stopped over after their departure from Okland, Cal. They remained in town for three days, stopping at the Alta Vista Hotel. At the Printers' Home, they were shown all over by Mr. Maynard, who also took them to points of interest. Tuesday evening, March 17th, they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell and and a party of friends, and the following day left by train for Chicago and Cleveland, where after brief visits to friends, their way leads direct to the metropolis—and, after all, there is no place like good old New York.

Groundhog day is always sunshiny here, so no attention was paid to the shadow, but all settled down to six weeks, etc. It was a pretty cold six weeks, at and below zero several times, and tent life became the strenuous life thawing out tubers and pipes, finger and leg joints But, burrah! spring has come on time, and we are swelterning in 70 degrees already. Wet snow, hail and sand storms, will soon be due.

The Denver Association of the deaf shows reports of a most prosperous year, just closed. They have taken larger quarters on the third floor, of St. Charles block, and are preparing a program for the future that will be an eye-opener to members and friends alike. Watch their onward march, but let their thunder be their own thunder. R. E. MAYNARD.

WEDDING BELLS.

HIRSCH—BODENWEISER.

On Wednesday evening, March 18th, at Davis Hall, Newark, N. J., Rabbi Foster, of that city, united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Miss Ruth Janet Bodenweiser to Mr. Simon Hirsch.

The ceremony occurred at a little after six o'clock, and was witnessed by a large assemblage of handsomely gowned ladies and faultlessly attired gentlemen.

The bride looked the picture of youthful loveliness, attired in a French Princess gown, en train, with a voille lace over white taffeta. She wore a long wedding veil, caught at the top with a spray of orange blossoms. She carried a large boquet of American Beauty roses, lilies of the valley and maiden hair ferns.

The groom was attired in evening dress.

Miss Beatrice Vander Bugle was bridesmaid, and was gowned in a dainty creation of lace and cream-colored satin. Her bouquet was of yellow tulips and ferns.

After the words that made them man and wife had been pronounced, the gallant groom sealed the compact with a loving kiss. They were then made the recipients of congratulations of the guests present, after which all sat down to a wedding supper, served in excellent style. The bride and groom were seated at the head of a table shaped like a horse-shoe, with the bridesmaid, best man and members of the immediate families, while the rest of the guests occupied separate tables in groups of eight to twelve. Following was the menu:

MENU

Caviare on Toast, Cocktail
Oysters on Half Shell, Cocktail Sauce
[Apollinaris

RELISHES

Olives Celery Almonds

SOUP

Vermicelli Gressena

FISH

Salmon Sauce Colbert
Potatoes Hollandaise
[Sauternes

ENTREE

Duck Apple Sauce
Potato Croquettes French Peas
Punch au Kirsch Cigarettes

ROAST

Philadelphia Squab Jelly
Asparagus Vinaigrette Sauce
[Champagne

DESSERT

Fancy Cream Souvenir
Fancy Cakes Bon Bons
Mottoes Coffee Cigars
[Brandy

After an hour spent in wooing Terpsichore and in general conversation, the happy couple left for their honeymoon, being deluged with farewell kisses and showered with rice as they made a hasty exit to the waiting carriage.

The bride was educated at the Lexington Avenue School in this city and at the Philadelphia Institution. The groom is a graduate of the Lexington Avenue School.

Among those present were: Mrs. S. Leschziner, Mrs. August Bodenweiser, Mrs. S. Leschziner, Miss VanderBugle, Mr. Eugene Leschziner, Mrs. Rose Hirsch, Mr. Arthur Hirsch, Mrs. Arthur Hirsch, Mr. Jacob Stern, Mrs. F. Vanderbugle, Mr. Elias Bodenweiser, Mrs. Elias Bodenweiser, Mr. Solomon Hirsch, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, Mrs. Marcus M. Jacobs, Mrs. Jacob W. Katz, Mr. Jacob W. Katz, Mrs. E. Hernstein, Dr. Emil Rauth, Mrs. Emil Rauth, Miss Lydia M. Cooke, Mrs. M. H. Kohn, Miss Alma Stern, Mr. Benj. Kohn, Miss Ruth VanderBugle, Miss Elsie VanderBugle, Mr. Edmund Coles, Miss Florence VanderBugle, Miss Bodenweiser, Mr. Melvin Hirsch, Mr. Louis Krieger, Mrs. Louis Krieger, Mr. Theo. Michel, Miss Estella Michel, Mr. Ulysses S. James, Mrs. U. S. James, Rabbi Sol. Foster, Mrs. Rose Josephs, Miss Sadie VanderBugle, Miss Sadie Solomon, Mr. M. Bodenweiser, Miss Leschziner, Mr. Marcus L. Kenner, Miss Stella Hirsch, Mr. D. Ellis Litt, Mr. Samuel Lowenherz, Mr. Emil Basch, Mr. Edwin A. Hodgson, Miss Margaret Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrenz, Mrs. Moses W. Loew, Mr. Moses W. Loew, Mr. Theo. A. Little, Mr. Morton S. Moses.

PITTSBURG.

It appears we made a mistake in a former letter to the JOURNAL, when we stated that Mr. P. F. Bengsch, of Cleveland, was on the Board of Education of that city. Mr. Bengsch wishes us to say that he is not a member of the Board of Education of Public Schools. We thank Mr. Bengsch for calling our attention to the error. Our aim is always to make correct reports and state facts not fictions, and right there we wish certain persons to take notice.

Dr. and Mrs. Burt, of the Edgewood School, spent a week at Atlantic City recently, and both came back much benefitted by the relaxation. Dr. Burt's numerous friends among the deaf will rejoice to know that he is entirely restored to health and ready to serve them as usual in any capacity.

Mr. H. Bardes, Mrs. Teegarden, and Mrs. Allabough had the pleasure of attending a White Elephant social recently, given by Miss Candoca Yendes. It was strictly a lady's affair so, we are not allowed to state what transpired except that they had a "high old time," and wouldn't mind a repetition.

The regular monthly meet of the Pittsburg Branch of the P. S. A. D. was preceded by a special meeting at which resolutions of respect on the death of Archibald Woodside, an honored member were unanimously adopted as follows:—

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, in his benign Providence, hath removed from this life Archibald Woodside in the fullness of years; and,

WHEREAS, Archibald Woodside was an honored member of this organization from its inception and ever ready to lend assistance in all its good works; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Pittsburg Branch of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, do acknowledge our loss of an earnest friend and a zealous co-worker in all that tender to the benefit of the deaf; and,

Resolved, That we do hereby extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and sister of the deceased, believing that what is their loss is his everlasting gain.

Resolved, That these expressions of esteem and sympathy be spread upon the minutes of this Local Branch and be made public.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the bereaved.

After adjournment of the special meeting a Stunt entertainment was given, the following attractive programme been previously announced:

Why Dr. Johnson was so unpopular—H. H. B. McMaster and F. H. Leitner.

Why Lincoln was so popular—Col. Sawhill and E. Havens.

Why President Roosevelt became so idolized by the children—Miss Helen Allabough.

Why their marriage is a failure—Mrs. W. L. Sawhill and Charles Fritzges.

Why their married life is so truly happy—Mrs. W. F. Durian and J. M. Rolshouse.

Why a deaf man lost his salaried position—B. R. Allabough and E Havens.

Why Allabough and Ziegler are the so-called Father, and not the Fathers.

Why a Leap Year girl cannot win a titled husband—Miss F. Dedrick and J. L. Friend.

Whom do you think the greatest woman in the country—Mrs. W. F. Durian and F. R. Gray.

Each stunt was so well executed that it is hard to say which carried off the palm. Each and every one created no end of merriment, by the stunning "make ups" as wells as by the excellent acting out of each part. Little Helen Allabough, with her teddy bears, was cute, indeed.

There was a large attendance at this meeting, and among others from a distance we notes Mr. R. C. Wall, of Philadelphia, shaking hands with old friends and former schoolmates. Mr. Wall was here to study the business situation in the automobile line.

The regular monthly literary meetings of the deaf at the 4th Avenue Baptist Church was held last Thursday. The feature at these meetings is a talk or lecture by some prominent hearing person, interpreted by Miss Shrom. This meeting was designated as an Easter Social. Rev. Dr. Stratton gave a short talk on St. Patrick and made it very interesting. Mr. W. L. Sawhill declaimed "Sheridan's Ride," and as a matter of course it was well done and very much enjoyed. A debate on the respective merits of the horse and dog was then humorously contested by Mr. Reiser and Mr. Shane. The judge, Mr. Shull, gave Mr. Shane the honors. Mr. Reiser then gave an interesting monologue, the Jew peddler. The meeting wound up with games and a light lunch.

On Friday evening, March 20th, a memorial service for Archibald Woodside was held at the 8th Street Reformed Presbyterian Church. There was a large attendance and some interesting addresses were made, that showed up Mr. Woodside's good qualities.

Among those addressing the meeting were Mr. McMaster, who had known Mr. Woodside from children and was long a co-worker with him in the Sunday school; Mr. Hedricks, who was his pupil for seven or eight years at the day-school; Mr. Hollingworth, a life-time friend; Mr. C. S. Sawhill, who as a boy remembered him as a dignified young man and who later on learned to appreciate his qualities as a friend; G. M. Teegarden, who knew him as a near neighbor and friend for over thirty years; Mr. Allabough, who appreciated his virtues in numerous lines and paid a high tribute to him as a leader and friend. Remarks were also made by Dr. Acheson, the pastor of the church, who closed the meeting with prayer and a benediction.

A literary meeting of the Pittsburg Branch of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association was held in the lecture room of the Grant St. U. P. Church Saturday evening, March 21st. This department being under the management of Mr. S. Nichols, the program was arranged by him and consisted of addresses and recitations on French subjects—that is, it was decidedly Frenchy. G. M. Teegarden had been assigned "The History of France," but he cousidered that too tremendous a task, so he cut off the ends and confined his talk to Henry IV. and his times, which included the religious wars in the last half of the Sixteenth Century. He was rewarded with many expressions of appreciation of his effort. Mr. Cowley followed this with a declamation, from the French, in a style that earned him generous applause. The only thing that seemed to trouble the genial Cowley, he couldn't look serious where his text demanded it. A smile-that-won't-come-off is serious sometimes, nevertheless E. R. lauded his effort with the O. K. cheek.

Mr. Grimm's humerous stories concerning Voltaire kept the house in fine fettle, while he held down the stage. His stories served to illustrate the cranky nature of the old atheist and poet. The dialogue by Messrs. Waters and McCandless was, perhaps, the most amusing feature of the meeting. The excessive politeness, natural to the French, was set forth in grand style, and kept the audience in a state of merriment until their sides ached.

Mr. Col. Sawhill ended the programme with some pertinent remarks on French women and the styles of feminine apparel, which originate in the French capital. He predicted that Parisian hats would some day grow in size until their appendages would have to be supported on wheels.

On the whole this literary meeting was a success and served both to amuse and instruct, and many declared the wish that other similar meetings might follow. G. M. T.

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"*He's true to God who's true to man:*
Wherever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all the race."

THE Commissioner of Education of New York State, Hon. Andrew S. Draper, in a recent circular to Boards of Education, quotes some of the provisions of the law relating to fire-drills, fire escapes, exits and doorways of school buildings in the State. The circular, and warnings and recommendations it contains, are inspired by the appalling circumstances attending the burning of the public school building at Collinwood, O., by which two teachers and over one hundred seventy school children lost their lives.

The law of the State of New York, enacted in 1901, which entails a penalty for neglect, says that "It shall be the duty of the Principal or other person in charge of every public or private school or educational institution within the State, having more than 100 pupils, to instruct and train the pupils by means of drills, so that they may in a sudden emergency be able to leave the school building in the shortest possible time and without confusion or panic. Such drills or rapid dismissals shall be held at least once in each month."

Section 49, Title 7, of the Consolidated School Law provides:

"All school buildings situated in the school districts of the State, other than in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, which are more than two stories high, shall have properly constructed stairways on the outside thereof, with suitable doorways leading thereto, from each story above the first, for use in case of fire. Such stairways shall be kept in good order and free from obstruction. It shall be the duty of the trustee or trustees having charge of said school buildings in school districts to cause such stairways to be constructed and maintained, and the reasonable and proper cost thereof, shall in each case, be a legal charge upon the district, and shall be raised by tax, as other moneys are raised for school purposes."

The Consolidated School Law also provides, in Section 17, Title 7:—

"All exit doors shall open outwardly, and shall, if double doors be used, be fastened with movable bolts operated simultaneously by the handle from the inner face of the door. No staircase shall be constructed with winder steps in lieu of a platform, but shall be constructed with straight runs, changes in direction being made by platforms. No door shall open immediately upon a flight of stairs, but a landing at least the width of the door shall be provided between such stairs and such doorway."

While the provisions of the law relating to exit doors and stairways do not apply to buildings erected previous to the enactment of such law in 1904, it is recommended that even in buildings erected previous to such date, where the doors do not open outwardly and where the stairs and platforms do not conform to the requirements of such law, that immediate steps be taken by boards of education to change the construction of such doors and stairways so that they will conform to the requirements of the law concerning new buildings.

In addition to the foregoing general provision of law, there are also special laws relating to the construction of all buildings in most of the cities, and it must be borne in mind that these also apply to school buildings.

"The board of education of each city and of each school district should at once investigate each of the schools under its charge, and ascertain if the construction of every building conforms to the requirements of the statutes above quoted. If any school building does not conform to legal requirements, action should be taken forthwith to conform to the law. And boards may well go beyond the requirements of the law in the direction of safety. If in your judgment, other safeguards are essential to the proper protection of the lives of the children attending the schools under your charge than those which are required by the statutes, prompt measures must be instituted to provide the same. It will be infinitely better to show an excess of caution, and even to spend more money than need be, than to risk the possibility of such an awful affliction as has just fallen upon a community in a sister State."

RANDOM RAYS.

BY AUGUSTA K. BARRETT.

Who is it that dares assert that his life or his thoughts are his own? No man's life is his own! It is given to him in charge to use for the benefit of others; and if he does not so use it, it is often taken from him when he least expects it. '*Thou fool, this night shall thy life be required of thee!*' No man's thoughts even, are his own. They are the radiation of the Infinite Mind of God which passes through every living atom. The beggar may have the same thought as the Prime Minister—he only lacks the power of expression. The more helpless and inept the beggar, the greater the responsibility of the Premier. For the Premier has received education, culture, training, and the choice of the people; and to him is given the privilege of voicing the beggar's thought. And not only the beggar's thought, but the thoughts of all in the nation who have neither the skill nor the force to speak.—*Marie Corelli in "The Master Christian."*

I have lately finished reading the book from which I quote the above paragraph. I lingered and pondered over this passage and I asked myself the questions "Do I, in the 'Random Rays,' express the thoughts of beggars and other people?" At first thought it seemed absurd, but later it appeared more reasonable, and in line with the oft-repeated advice given us, to make the best use of our talents. This being so, I will proceed to express some of my thoughts regarding the "hold up" of the N. A. D. Report. Not long after the Norfolk Convention, I read the announcement that the Norfolk Local Committee would apply its surplus to the printing of the N. A. D. Report. That is a really fine and generous act of theirs. Later came the notice that the Report was ready and that members who wanted a copy must send their addresses to Secretary Ritter. This was unusual proceeding as the Secretary is supposed to keep a record of the names and addresses of the members. Some friends of mine sent their addresses and in due time received their reports, one of which was loaned to me. After reading and returning it, I said: "I, too, must send my address to Mr. Ritter." However, I kept putting it off, until one day I wanted to refer to the report. Then I wrote to the Secretary. That he wanted my address I understood clearly enough, but that he also wanted *stamps* never once entered my head. You see, I have "got the habit" of receiving my report without the formality of sending my name, address and stamps, to the Secretary. Well, to proceed, I wrote to him, and gently asked for my report. This was about a week before the Secretary's letter, "The Reason Why," was printed in the JOURNAL. Of course, no rerort has yet reached me. So I suppose I must tackle the vexed question again, write to Mr. Ritter again and enclose stamps. "In the *mean* time or the *worse* time," I am in the dark on the matter about which I wanted to consult the report.

Of course, after reading Mr. Ritter's explanation, no one can blame the Local Committee for refusing to furnish the stamps and envelopes. But I don't see why one of them didn't quietly (avoiding all the bother and publicity) make a motion that the necessary amount be appropriated from the N. A. D. Treasury. The Norfolk Local Committee should get rid of its shrinking shyness on this matter.

I was a member of the N. A. D. Executive Committee from 1904 to 1907, and I remember that we gave some money to the deaf of a certain city, who needed it in a fight they were carrying on with oralists. Secretary Ritter objects to the "tedious voting by mail." In the days when there were thirty-five members on the Executive Board, he might well have made such a complaint. Now, however, there are only nine persons on the Executive Committee, and it should not take long for them to decide on this matter and forward the necessary cash to Secretary Ritter.

Dear Local Committee, don't, oh! pray don't make us wait until 1910 for our 400 reports.

I have read with much interest the good suggestions for a National Federation of the American Societies of the Deaf, published by Douglas Tilden in the March *Silent Worker*.

He defines the term "society" in the following words:—"The term *society* shall mean an association, league, order, club, lodge, assembly, circle or any organization of the deaf having no less than ten members, and the object of each such organization shall be beneficial." It will be seen Mr. Tilden's plan is different from the original Federation plan, which aims only to federate the State Assocations. I like Mr. Tilden's plan best, because if it is followed it will bring into a federation many people who would never get interested in an organization like the present National Association, and thus greater good will result to a greater number of people. Considering this subject we should not think only of ourselves and the present, but of the future; of those who come after us, the coming generation of the deaf, who will profit more than we will from the great National Federation.

A short time ago there appeared an editorial in the *Daily Nonpareil* of this city, telling of a federation. This was for different objects than the one we hope to see realized for the deaf, but it may prove interesting to others, so I will send it entire.

FEDERATED COMMERCIAL CLUBS.

A movement started in Minnesota and South Dakota for the formation of federations of commercial clubs promises well for the business interests of those States, and may spread to Wisconsin, Iowa and other commonwealths.

The design is to foster the commercial, industrial and general business interests of each State, not only as a whole, but as regards individual towns, large and small. The largest of these federations is that of Minnesota, *350 clubs being members*. The federation will work for the interests of each town having a member, and one good result expected is the removal of much of the jealousy felt by the smaller towns toward the large cities. The federation will cooperate with the State immigration bureau, and will devote attention to advertising the various sections of the State to the outside world. It will seek to better settlement of its agricultural lands. The funds of the federation are to be supplied by dues collected from each club, ranging annually from $5 to $50 each, according to the size of the cities represented.

In South Dakota the federation works in connection with the State immigration department in preparing bulletins on the resources and opportunities for investment of the State. These will be distributed through the industrial departments of the railways and the national bureau of immigration. Local exhibitions will be made in each town under the supervision of the local club, where the resources of the State may be exploited. Each club will maintain a small experimental farm. Organizations of women will be encouraged in connection with the work of beautifying the towns. The federation comprises nineteen clubs of as many towns.

The plan looks like a good one and the commercial clubs of Iowa cities and towns might with profit adopt it.

CHURCH NOTICES.

St. Ann's Church, N. Y. Every Sunday at 3 P.M.
Every Friday at 8:15 P.M.

St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn. Every Sunday at 3 P.M. March 29th, Holy Communion.

MARCH 29th.

St. Peter's Church, Port Chester, at 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion.

St. Paul's Church, Newburgh, at 10:30 A.M.

Gallaudet Home at 2:30 P.M.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE.

Two Base Ball Games on the Green.

A VICTORY AND A DEFEAT.

News Items in Brief.

From our Washington Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 22, 1908 — Two games of baseball were played on Garlic Field the past week—a victory and a defeat for Gallaudet. Central High School came over Wednesday for another "practice" game, and the way Gallaudet went after the Central pitchers was a shame. Twelve hits, with numberless stolen bases, brought a total of eleven runs to Central's two. O'Donnell and Dillon alternated in the box for Gallaudet, and their work was of the highest order.

Saturday the first match game of the season took place with Virginia Theological Seminary. Gallaudet lost, in one of the most heart-breaking finishes ever seen on Garlic Field. After starting off like world-beaters in the first inning, and having a good lead all along, the team suddenly went to pieces in the ninth, making enough errors of commission and of omission to give the embryo clergymen two runs and the game. At that, neither of the Gallaudet pitchers extended himself to the utmost, the weather being the kind a football player would rave over. There are harder games on the schedule, and those need more pitching ability than these "little out-of-the-way" games.

Line-up and summary:—

GALLAUDET	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Morris	5	1	1	1	0	1
O'Donnell	3	0	0	1	1	0
Hower	3	2	0	2	1	2
Cooper	4	0	2	3	0	1
Harper	3	0	0	0	0	0
W. Bell	4	0	0	4	0	0
Sharp	4	1	1	2	0	0
A. Bell	2	0	1	8	4	2
Birck	3	0	0	7	1	1
Dillon	2	0	0	0	2	0
Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	5	27	9	7

V. T. S.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Gray	4	0	1	2	0	0
Gibson	5	0	2	2	5	2
Stephens	5	1	1	2	2	0
Randolph	5	0	1	2	3	0
Marsden	4	1	0	17	0	1
Quin	4	1	1	0	2	1
Block	4	0	0	1	0	0
Barwille	4	1	1	0	0	1
McKinley	4	1	1	1	2	1
Totals	39	5	8	27	14	6

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Gallaudet	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—4
V. T. S.	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	—5

Earned runs—Gallaudet 3; V. T. S. 2. Left on bases—Gallaudet 7; V. T. S. 7. First base on balls—Off McKinley 1; off Randolph 1. Innings pitched by—O'Donnell 5, Dillon 4, McKinley 5, Randolph 4. Struck out—By O'Donnell 5, Dillon 4, McKinley 1, Randolph 1. Three-base hits—Cooper, Quin. Two-base hits—Cooper. Sacrifice hits—A. Bell 1, Birck 2, Gray 1. Stolen bases—Morris 2, Hower 2, Sharp 1, Quin 1, Barwille 1, Randolph 1. Passed balls—A. Bell 3. Umpire—Mr. Holliday, '09.

A return game will be played with V. T. S., at Alexandria on the 23d, and on the 25th, Gallaudet plays the Naval Cadets at Annapolis.

Apropos of the above, it may be said that Capt. Cooper has a good team under him. O'Donnell and Dillon are as good as they ever were, and with Birck in reserve, Gallaudet has a very formidable twirling staff. In a fielding way, the team is a hummer. If it only picks up a bit in batting, its going to be a winner.

Xams. are over, and by far a great majority of the students are in smiles. Cause? The "ratio of Success *vs.* Failure" is by far the best in years, very few students having any conditions to bother them.

Tomlinson, '08, leader of the campers, accompanied by his private secretary, P. Henry, '09, and quartermaster, Preston, '09, went out to Great Falls, Sunday, to look over the camp site. They returned with the usual supply of "hero" yarns, how one was caught on a runaway canal boat, and finally rescued by the other two lassoing the boat with a clothes line and pulling the boat and all shore.

Several of the students went to see George Hackenschmitt, the "Russian Lion" and champion wrestler of the world, at Convention Hall Friday night. His wonderfully developed figure elicited the admiration of every one present.

McInnes, I. C., has sworn off against permitting anybody to ever make a hero of him again. After he led the Ducks on a valiant charge that drove away the fifty or so kids that were trying to sneak up on Garlic Field, the plaudits of the gentler sex who saw him was so much that he carried his head so high in the air, he didn't notice he was walking right into a puddle. Result—His Sunday clothes were untenable for the next forty-eight hours.

About twenty of the boys went to see the farewell performance of Hanlon's "Superba," Saturday night.

Nies, '11, had a very vivid dream the other night. It was about a fire, and his room-mates barely reached him in time to prevent him from jumping out of the third story window.

Capt. Kutzleb, '11, has his men working finely on the cinder path. L. Jones, Grace, N. MacDonald, Bailey, Cohen and Robinson, all Freshmen, are the most likely candidates for the relay team. Each went around the oval 62 seconds or a fraction thereof at the first try out. With faithful training, they'll give Kutz an awful time to decide for running mates to go with himself and Tomlinson, '08.

Dr. T. F. Fox, '83, has been booked by the Washington deaf to come down from New York and deliver a lecture on May 3d. Dr. Fox's well-known ability in the sign-making line will without doubt draw a large crowd of the students down town to see him.

Miss Pike, '11, bound that not a week should pass this year without the crutches being used, sprained her ankle while roller skating the other day. Next!!

Heard at the game Saturday. He—"Look at that umpire! He is the worst robber ever! (as Hower steals second and then third) go it, Tommy, old boy! You are a dandy at stealing bases!" She—"There—you're very consistent. You call the umpire a robber when he did nothing, and approve of stealing when it's done by one of your favorites! You ought to be a Supreme Court Judge.

Jones, '11, is so religious he studies his Sunday-school lesson even when there's no Sunday-school class. As Grace says—"There's a method in his madness."

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Beth Israel Deaf Society.

Doubtless some of "my dear readers" may imagine the above named fledging society is now flourishing "like a green bay tree," and doubtless they can not be far from correct if they persist in the idea. Three interesting lectures given the society within as many weeks ought to be a criterion of this fact. The last one on the 15th inst., Sunday, delivered by Mr. Wm. H. Lipsett, Secretary of the Clerc Literary Association, of this city, was a pretty live subject. He defined "Local Option," and gave its origin. He turned it over this way and that, and described its phases from various standpoints, but always viewed the bright side just as you are in the habit of viewing the different changes in the aspect of the moon that is set in a dark background. It certainly looked good to him, and was decidedly very interesting to all those who "heard" it. Sometimes it seemed as if he was discussing Prohibiton and sometimes High License, but after all, it was simply Local Option. He gave many instance of the merits of the "dry" question, and then the "wet" one; but they were mostly "dry"—we mean the questions. Facts and figures in abundance were given to prove what he said of Local Option was true, and we are sure most of his audience agreed with him. We know two or three who were disposed to dissent, but it would not be proper to blab their names to the world, for obvious reasons.

Mr. Lipsett's sign delivery was very clear and idiomatic, two qualities which lecturers before a deaf audience often lack, particularly those who belong to the hearing fraternity, and which are most important factors in holding the assemblage's interest in the theme. Another thing, Mr. Lipsett does not make grimaces when he talks in signs. His countenance is rather cool and collected, and its expression just sober enough to carry conviction. However, in his earnestness to give a really good lecture, he overstepped the mark. His ambition got a bit ahead of him. His address was too long, or rather, as he admitted in his prologue, his time was too short for its preparation. It was evident from the thick pad of manuscrpt that the "bite" was bigger than the gullet. The consequence was that he read a good deal from the manuscript resulting in interruptions, which he otherwise might have avoided more to his credit. However, as the lecture was a "gift horse," we refrain from further comment, and assure him it was very much appreciated by all as their unanimous vote of thanks testified.

Short remarks on the lecture were made by several persons interested in the temperance movement, including Mr. Feighan, Mrs. Dorfner and your correspondent. When surprise was expressed by some in seeing Mr. Feighan on the temperance platform, he said he had reformed.

"Our mutual friend," T. Breen, said he did not feel competent to say anything, for obvious reasons. He wished to be consistent. He is a jewel, a gem of the Emerald variety. His speciality is short newspaper stories. Ah, what would the C. L. A. be without its T. B.?

The Beth Israel Purim Ball, celebrating the merry feast of Purim, was a magnificent pageant and success. It took place at Mercantile Hall, Broad and Master Streets, Philadelphia, on the eve of the 17th (St. Patrick's Day). About 1000 high-caste Hebrews were present. The huge banks of flowers and rich decorations of plants were novel and beautiful. The function was given for the benefit of the Buildiug Fund of the new Temple Beth Israel, in which the deaf society has its home.

Some of those who attended the Local Option lecture were as follows: Miss Geiger, of Philadelphia, was with Mrs. Stephenson, of Trenton, N. J. The former wore a brown dresss, and the latter a blue one. They looked like a pair of Co-ed chums.

Miss Louisa M. Lauer, of Rochester, N. Y., was with Mrs. Dantzer, whom she is visiting.

Pat O'Brien, of Omaha, Neb., and Mr. Partington, of Chester, Pa., were there.

Mr. Underwood had a radiant countenance. He seemed to be much interested in all that was going on.

Mr. Sanders looked lonesome without his spouse, who was in a hospital undergoing an operation. It is not anything very serious we understand and hope.

Teresinia Pasquarello was in gay attire and full bloom like a bi-colored chrysanthemum. "Do you think I am a Jew? No, I am an Italian," she remarked to your correspondent.

On account of the Purim entertainment given in the assembly room of Temple Beth Israel on Sunday afternoon, the 22d inst., the regluar exercises of the deaf society were suspended. There were probably over 1,000 present, mostly hearing children of the congregation. There were perhaps eighty deaf people, including several Jewish pupils from the Mt. Airy School.

J. T. E.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20, 1908.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTICE.

MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

N. E. Corner Seventy-third Street.

REV. HENRY SLOANE COFFIN, *Pastor*

Afternoon service, at 3.30 P.M.

Bible Class meets at 4 o'clock.

Gymnasium and Reading Room are open to the members and their friends every Friday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Address all communications to the President, Mr. Archibald McL. Baxter, 32 West 60th Street, New York City.

St. Thomas Mission, St. Louis.

Christ Cathedral Chapel, 13 and Locust Sts.

REV. J. H. CLOUD, *Minister*, 2606 Virginia Avenue.

Mr. Arthur O. Steidmann, Lay Reader.

Sunday Services at 10:45 A.M.
Sunday School at 10 A.M.
Week-day meetings at 8 P.M., on first and third Fridays and fourth Wednesday, in the Parish House.

Origin of Diamonds.

The origin of diamonds, which for so long has been a debated question, appears to be explained by a recent discovery near Kimberly. In both the Indian and Brazilian diamond fields the gem occurs like a pebble in certain gravelly strata, but has not been traced back to any rock that gives an indication of its genesis. After the discovery of diamonds in the river sand on some South African rivers, a peculiar material of a brownish buff color, which turned to a dark bluish tint, was found. It became harder as the miners dug down. The diamonds lay in this material, together with several others minerals, such as garnets, iron ores, augite and alivine. Excavations begun unsystematically, were eventually carried on on such a scale that near Kimberly they have reached a depth of more than fourteen hundred feet. Here the rock is about as hard as ordinary limestone. The blue ground is found only in limited areas. The rocks around are of dark shades, banded with hard sandstone, in which sheets or dykes of basalt or some material which was once in a molten condition are occasionally found. The blue ground fills a sort of shaft of colossal size in these other rocks, and is itself cut up in similar dykes.

The opinion of geologists differs as to whether the gems were produced where they now lie or been formed of some older rock, which has been shattered by volcanic explosions. It is thought the mystery has been at last cleared up. About two years ago the manager of the diamond mine near Kimberly picked up a specimen in which smaller diamonds were apparently embedded in a garnet. This led to an investigation of various boulders, one of which was broken open and was found to contain diamonds. The rock is of the desription known to mineralogists as "eclogite."

You have plenty of this world's goods if with your little you have contentment. If you have not contentment you can never have enough of anything.

NEW ENGLAND.

[Any New England News or business for the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL may be sent to Geo. C. Sawyer, 93 W. Seldon St., Mattapan, Mass.]

To avert another such horror as the Collingwood School fire, the schools all over the country are doing all they can to remove any obstacle to escape in case of fire in the schools, in-swinging doors now swing outward. The school committee of Boston have been going from school to school examining the buildings to their satisfaction. At the Dorchester High School last Friday, after going over the building, examining fire-escapes and apparatus, etc., Chairman Storms accosted the janitor and aked him just what he should do in case a fire broke out. Instead of answering him in words, he showed him by rushing to a private fire alarm box and rang it, then also rang a fire-drill alarm. As a result the 1,200 pupils of which 750 were girls, got out in safety in one and a half minuets, Hardly had these children reached the school yard when the whole fire department of Dorchester, Mattapan, and other parts began to arrive, firemen got to work spreading out hose, and engines puffed as if for dear life, policemen, both thin and fat came puffing along from all corners, and also frightened parents.

When the fireman found it to be only a fire drill-well, they were mad clear through, though Chairman Stroud tried to explain matters, that the janitor misunderstood him, he simply wanted him to tell him what he should do in case of fire. Every one is satisfied that Janitor McCliskey is a man, who knows his business. G. C. S., was one of the frightened parents, he being on his way home to dinner in an electric car, passing the school, alighted, broke through and looked up his daughter. She was with a bevy of girls in the yard, laughing heartily at all the scare the mistake had caused.

The following clipping is from the Boston *Daily Globe* of March 13th, and may interest some readers, through Mitchell Keens is not known by the deaf of Boston:

Charged with robbing an aged pencil vender of $300, John Kelly, 24 years of age, who says he lives at 137 Harrison Avenue, was arrested last night. The alleged robbery was committed in a dark doorway near the South Station last Saturday night. Mitchell Keens, the vender, comes from Nashville, Tenn., and is a deaf-mute.

Mr. Geo. A. Holmes is reported to have had an attack of the grip which laid him up for a week or two, but at present is about his business and as well as usual.

Mrs. Alice C. Jennings, who is a great help to Chairman Bigelow, of the Boston Society, had been asked to arrange the Easter Services at the Boston Society, but much to the regret of all, she had to decline, as she has an engagement at the time in new Haven, Ct., where she will go for a few weeks, starting about March 23d.

The reports that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry was seriously ill with typhoid fever is denied by the parents of the child. The little girl was ill, and only threatened with typhoid. She is well enough to be playing about, though rather weak, and in the hopes of building her up, her mother proposes to take her to New Haven for a few weeks' visit to Perry's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sinclair, formerly of Cambridge, have been making their home in Hopedale, Mass., a quiet town, Mr Sinclair having secured a good position in the Draper Works. Their monotonous life of quietness was broken by several visits from their old friends recently.

Mr. Wm. P. Browne and his fiancee, Miss Gertrude Acheson, spent Sunday, March 8th, with the Sinclairs, at Hopedale.

Mrs. Adam Acheson followed later, but remained as their guest for several days, and reported a pleasant time.

Dame Rumon has it that the late Mr. John T. Tillinghast remembered his old friend, Mr. P. W. Packard, in his will.

I see by an advertisement in last week's JOURNAL that Mr. W. E. Shaw is himself again once more at electrical exhibition. We wish him success.

G. C. S.

Service for Deaf-Mutes.

APRIL, 1908.

5—10:30 A.M., Trinity Parish House, Boston.
2:15 P.M., Salem Society, Salem.
Evening, Beverley School.

12—10:30 A.M., Trinity Parish House, Boston. Holy Communion.
3:00 P.M., Grace Chapel, Providence. Bishop's Visitation.

17—4:00 P.M., New England Home, Evereth. Good Friday: Holy Communion.

19—Easter Day 10:30 A.M., Trinity Parish House, Boston. Holy Communion.
4:00 P.M., New England Home, Everett

26—10:30 A.M., Trinity Parish House, Boston.
4:00 P.M., Saints' Chapel, Worcester. Holy Communion.
4:00 P.M., Trinity Church, Haverhill.

Service every Friday, at 4:00 P.M., at New England Home, Everett.

S. STANLEY SEARING.
Diocesan Missionary for Deaf-Mutes, Massachusetts, West. Mass., and Rhode Island.

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NEW YORK.

News items for this column, should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL Station M, New York.

A few words of information in a letter or on a postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

On the evening of St. Patrick's Day, quite a large gathering of members and friends of the Xavier Deaf-Mute Club met at the Club House, and participated in a jollification in honor of Ireland's patron Saint. The affair was informal, and the invitations were for the most part personal. Chairman, Thomas J. Grogan, of the entertainment Committee, was Master of Ceremonies, and conducted affairs in his usual satisfactory manner. The guests were loth to quit, when time for adjournment came at eleven o'clock.

The Club's Executive Committee are putting forth their best efforts to make the Easter reception and vaudeville show a memorable event. Some doubt has been expressed as to the wisdom of the club in placing the price of admission at twenty-five cents. But from the way tickets are being taken up, the members feel assured their policy of giving a popular and high-class show at popular prices, will meet with appreciation by their friends and the silent public in general. In making the admission price one-half what it was on former occasions, the club has no intention of curtailing expenses by giving a mediocre or second-rate vaudeville stage performance. Assurances are offered the show will be better this time than in years past, and in other particulars the affair promises to be the most enjoyable of any the club has yet given. President J. M. O'Donnell, as Chairman of the Committee, is developing into a hustler of no mean ability, and he is backed up in his work by a united and enthusiastic following of Xavierites.

Eugene Pons, of the Xavier Deaf-Mute Club, is now a registered athlete in the A. A. U. He expects to take part in a number of cross-country runs and distance events, at games of local clubs this Spring.

Julius Kickers, an enthusiastic follower of Xavier Club affairs, lays claim to have been the first deaf-mute to cross the Hudson Diver by way of the McAdoo tunnel. He was among the passengers on the train leaving Manhattan at 6:15 P.M., on the day the tunnel was opened to the public. Does anyone dispute his claim? [Alex L. Pach went through and returned, a couple of days previous to the public opening.—ED. JOURNAL.]

Special interest is attached to Rev. Father McCarthy's presence at St. Peter's Church, Jersey City, Sunday, April 5th. Quite a large party of New York Catholic deaf intend to make their first trip under the Hudson on that day, and it may be of interest and to know that at the tunnel terminal in Hoboken, the Grove Street trolley cars run direct past the entrance to St. Peter's College. The reverend Father will conduct his usual instruction and interesting exercise. Following that the congregation will repair to the church, where the "Stations of the Cross" will be made, Father McCarthy explaining the devotion in a way all will easily comprehend. The Catholic deaf, of all New Jersey, within two hours distance of St. Peter's, Jersey City, would do credit to themselves and their State by attending this service.

The monthly meeting of Hebrew Deaf Congregation was held in the Vestry rooms of their Temple at Lexington Avenue, and 72d Street, last Tuesday evening, (17th inst.)

President Marcus Kenner was in the chair. After having disposed of accumulated business on hand, he invited the chairmen of various committees to make a report concerning the work done under them ever since they were elected several months ago. He then introduced the newly-elected president, Louis A. Cohen, who took the chair and was there until the adjournment.

The new officers elected were as follows: President, Louis A. Cohen; First Vice-President, Marx Levy; Second Vice-President, Moses Heyman; Recording Secretary, Moses Golding; Corresponding Secretary, Barney Siegel; Treasurer, Moses W Loew. Trustees—Marcus Kenner, Max Miller and Emil Basch. Representatives—Rev. Aaron Eiseman, Marcus Kenner. Leader, Marcus Kenner. Religious Committee—Rev. Aaron Eiseman, Chairman, Max Miller, Moses Heyman, Moses Golding and Barney Siegel. Entertainment Committee—Moses W. Loew, S. Greenberg and Joseph Zeiss. Auditing Committee—I. Goldberg, Morton Moses and Samuel Lowenherz. Ushers—E. Basch, A. Cohn and L. J. Hyams.

Leader Kenner was again in the pulpit last Friday evening, interpreting into signs a most interesting sermon prepared by a well-known rabbi. It was remarked that since relieved of the heavy burden of the presidency, he has shown considerable improvement in sign-making.

After the three choirs under the leadership of Miss Sarah Zablow had rendered in beautiful signs, followed by benedictioe by the leader, President, Louis A. Cohen was invited to make a few remarks. Having said some words pertaining to the occasion, he then announced that an invitation to himself to address us next week was accepted. His subject will be from Proverbs 24:17—"Rejoice not when thy enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth."

On the morning of Wednesday, the eighteenth, Mrs. Chamberlain's sixty-ninth birthday, there was sent to her from Messrs. Higgins. & Seitens a box containing two dozen Limoges teacups and saucers, a birthday gift from the Woman's Parish Aid Society and other friends. About three o'clock Mrs. Adolph Pleiffer, Mrs. A. B. Smith and Miss Branfuhr, called, and in a few minutes Rev. Keiser and Mrs. Keiser joined them, all to offer congratulations. Presently Mrs. T. F. Fox arrived bringing a superb bouquet of pink rose-buds just opening. Rev. Keiser had sent in the morning a box of sweet pea blossoms, pink and white, and ferns. While the guests were being served to tea and cake tea from the beautiful new cups, Mrs. Neiser, Mrs. Stratton, and Miss Lindhoff came in to bring their good wishes, and to enjoy a cup of tea. Soon after their departure, Mrs. C. Bryan came, bringing more flowers, and adding to the general happiness by her good wishes. Miss F. Jewell came bringing more beautiful snow-white tulips. In the evening Mr. Frankenheim and Miss H. Frey and Miss Margaret Chamberlain called, also Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Miss Berley, and the time passed most happily. Coffee and cocoa and cake were served, Mrs. Knox, as usual, making it delightful for every one.

"Off to the gold mine is the cry already." Enthusiasm may cool by that time, and the hoarded shekels diverted to some other use, but all the same, saving against a rainy day is a virtue to be encouraged. So it is to be hoped the Brooklyn Club is on the wake, as the bear woke from its wintry slumber. Some of the questions furnished at the regular meeting will continue to be "red-hot coals." It takes some time for excitable debate to cool down, and be worth mention. An interesting lecture will be given on April 11th, Saturday, at 8:30, 1153 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, by Professor T. F. Driscoll, Instructor of the Lexington Avenue School for the Deaf. Admission, twenty-five cents. The Chairman Entertainment Committee, Mr. Bowers, wishes to announce that the package and games party will be held at the Club room about the middle of May.

Mr. J. Yoerger, the professional gymnastic Instructor of Broadway, near Myrtle Avenue, a member of the Brooklyn Club, made a surprise visit during the meeting at the club room, as he has been out of sight nearly a year. After the adjournment of the regular meeting, Mr. Yoerger gave some interesting card tricks, and we were surprised with his quick movements, which we could not catch even with a good eye on his fingers all the time. We all enjoyed his company and we look eagerly for his next visit.

The Victory Social Club, composed of prominent men of the Bronx, wives, and daughters, held a social and Euchre Party last week. Among the invited guests was Christain E. Vernon. As it happened none of the men turned up (the first time such a thing happened), Chris, being a lone "bach," of course, for him it was more than ordinarily enjoyable. He felt like "Pee Wee," being a little man, while the ladies for the most part were of large proportions. There was one unmarried lady and two widows, the rest were wives. The single lady won first prize, while Chris, feeling as important as "Pee Wee," won the second.

On Sunday morning, the fifteenth, at St. John's Church Stamford, Ct., Rev. Dr. Chamberlain baptized Mrs. Edna Lockwood Frank, Miss Isabel Lockwood, Miss Jennie M. Chinery and Mr. Elbert Lockwood. Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Witmeyer were sponsors. Among the deaf present were Mr. Witmeyer, Mr. Frellick, Mr. Frank, and Miss Johnson. Before the service Rev. Mr. Addison, rector of the Church, came in and introductions followed. To each one in turn he gave most cordial greeting, and hearty welcome to St. John's.

Mrs. Rachel Coakley, formerly of New York, has been in New Haven Hospital for two months, but has now fully recovered. Her friends were very kind to her during her sickness, and sent her books and fruits and dainties to eat.

Borough Park Club of Deaf-Mutes will hold a Moonlight Glide Party and Games, at the Club house, on Saturday evening, May 23d, 1908. Mr. Anthony C. Reiff will be chairman. Other particulars will be given later.

John Kelly, of Schenectady, N. Y., died on the 18th and was buried on the 21st. He was a brother of Mrs. Rose Hayden, of Brooklyn, who is in great grief at her loss. The three Brooklyn sisters of the deceased attended the funeral.

Mrs. William Konkell (*nee* Blanche Young) has been to a hospital to have an operation upon an abscess on her eyelid. She is said to be recovering rapidly.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schuerman, of Demarest, N. J., on the 20th of February. Mrs. Schuerman's maiden name was Lena Jost.

Mr. Rudolph Janik sails for Germany, on Tuesday, March 31st. He will return to this country in September or October.

A friend wants to know through the columns of the JOURNAL the address of Edgar Bloom, of New York.

From Cuba

EDITOR DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL:—I shall ask you to kindly allow me a space in your paper.

Considerable has been said in some States as to the establishment of the Interstate Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf. It has been learned the sum of $4,000 has been made and the enthusiasm has continued in Illinois. I think I should notify the adherents of the Home about the remarkable grove for money making, and advise it to buy lands for the Home at once. There is a good profit in orange growing. Ten acres will bring as much as $2,000 every year. I would strongly advise the Home to come here, and buy 20 acres of land along the track. Land is at $50 per acre for sale now. Now is time to buy it. I suppose it would be unfortunate of the Home to locate without owning property to take care of it. What would the Home do without owning property. The Home should send some representatives to Cuba to look what Americans make money in orange or grape fruit groves, and cattle raising. They make money in cow pea and potatoes, while they wait for the trees to bear. Cow pea is twice raised here. The yield of it is worth $50 per acre.

Our colony is called "El Canet," which is a mile of P. O. Los Minas. I feel sure the Home would make no mistake in buying lands here. Las Minas is twenty-five miles South of Ocean Port Nuevitas. It takes steamship four days to reach New York. The freight cost seven cents for Las Minas to Nuevitas. The ships charge fifteen cents per crate. The freight from Caliiornia to New York cost ninety cents. The water transportation is cheaper from Nuevitas than from Florida. I would be glad to have some mutes in California correct my statement if wrong.

CLAIBORN F. JACKSON.
LAS MINAS, CUBA.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Dioceses of Harrisburg, Central Pennsylvania, Western New York.

MARCH, 1908.

27—8 P. M., Renovo.
29—10:30 A.M., Trinity Chapel, Buffalo. Holy Communion.
7:30 P.M., St. Luke's Chapel, Rochester.
31—St. Peter's Chapel, Geneva.

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4—8 P.M., Trinity Chapel, Steelton.
5—9:30 A.M., St. John's Church, York. Holy Communion.
10:30 A.M., St. John's Parish House, York.
2 P.M., St. Paul's Church, Columbia. Service and Baptism.
6:15 P.M., St. James's Church, Lancaster. Combined Service.

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Every Sunday, 3 P.M., Grace Chapel, 1439 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

MARCH

25—7:30 P.M., Trinity Church, Oshkosh, Wis.
27—8 P.M., Trinity Cathedral, Michigan City, Ind.
29—7:30 P.M., Church of the Good Shepherd, Momence, Ill.

APRIL

1—8 P.M., St. James' Church, South Bend, Ind.
3—8 P.M., Trinity Church, Fort Wayne, Ind,
5—11 A.M., Service of the Holy Communion, Grace Chapel Chicago.
3 P.M., Evening Prayer Service, Grace Chapel, Chicago.
8 P.M., Confirmation Service, Grace Chapel, Chicago.

Purity, faith and perseverance are the eternal conditions of successful prayer.

OHIO.

It is State School for the Deaf Now.

"FIRE SAVING" AGENTS

Killed By the Cars—Robert Lobb Dead—Notes

News items for this column may be sent to our OhioNews Bureau, care of Mr. A. B. Greener, 993 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.

March 21, 1908—Hereafter this Institution will be known as STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. The bill to that effect became a law, Wednesday afternoon of this week, having passed both houses of the General Assembly by the Senate's concurrence therein. It only awaits the signature of the Governor, which is assured. At the same time one year was added to the school limit, placing it now at thirteen years. The world doth move, and with it the education of the deaf. During the same afternoon, the bill for the enumeration of defective persons was passed. It refers to assessors in their annual rounds to note down all the deaf, blind-deaf, and insane.

Perhaps some objections may be raised to the long name under which this school will go. The word *State* might seem superfluous. A little reflection, however, will show that it is just right, and was put there to distinguish it from private or city or country school. Then too it also makes known that the State itself fosters or maintains it.

Since the recent school building fire in Collinwood, in which one hundred seventy-six children lost their lives, agents for life saving apparatus have been reaping a harvest from school boards and trustees of State institutions in the sale of their wares. It is generally after the horse has been stolen that the public awakens to the necessity of the occasion, and after the excitement has passed, and some safeguards provided, the matter is forgotten, and matters are allowed to go on as before. An agent for a life-saving net was at this school during the week, and on Tuesday, a crew from the city fire department made a test of the apparatus. Kreigh Ayers, a pupil, and Mr. Beckert, Boys' Supervisor, leaped from the second and first stories of the main building near the Steward's office into the net. The thing worked well, and those who did the jumping, did not feel at all afraid. Leslie Oren was around at the time, and had the thing explained to him. He got anxious to make a try, was allowed to jump from the steps into the rigging a distance of three feet. When he landed in the net, an expression of delight came over his face, and he was anxious to repeat the experiment.

The Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting, Tuesday evening. The recently appointed member, Mr. Lee J. Evans, of Brown County, participated. Nothing of importance was transacted, except the purchase of a life-saving net.

Miss Bessie Edgar, as Visiting Committee of the Ladies' Aid Society, went up to the Home, Saturday, to ascertain the needs of the Society's rooms. For company she took along Miss Cloa Lamson. Fortunately the weatherman gave them an ideal Spring day, thus making the trip out into the country one of pleasure. All were well at the Home. Superintendent Byers, as the result of a trip over to Marysville during the early week, had added a new team of horses costing $275. "Charley and Billy" have given the Home their best days of service, and have well earned a rest in their advanced years. There is some heavy ploughing to do, but the continual wet weather has delayed it.

Miss Myra Wilt was baptized by the Rev. Austin W. Mann, at Trinity Church, on Sunday March 15th. The witnesses were Miss Mary L. Rauch and Mr. Elasco E. Burcham.

Illness prevented Bishop Vincent from confirming at Trinity Church, so that Mr. Mann's candidates must wait.

From Columbus, Mr. Mann went, on Monday, to all Saints' Parish, Portsmouth, Southern Ohio, for a service in the evening. He will be the guest of Mr S. R. Ross, a relative of ye editor of the JOURNAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Elsey are spending the day, at the latter's home near Kenton, where they are participating in the celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Elsey's father.

Mrs Nora Patterson is at work again, in the bindery, having been away for the past three months. She was visiting a while her brother, in Cleveland, just before returning to the city. She reports all the Cleveland Deaf busy, and in good circumstances.

The following from an Athens Ohio, paper tells its own story:

STEWART, O., March 16.—Will McGill, aged about nineteen, and a deaf-mute, was struck and killed by B. & O. through train No. 3, at noon to-day. The accident occurred a short distance below this village.

Mc Gill was the son of Charles McGill, a farmer of near Beebe. He was on his way here when he was killed. The train struck him just as he had crossed the bridge below here. There is no doubt but that he was unaware that it was time for the train, as he had been in the habit of walking the track. The train was upon the youth before the trainmen realized that he was unable to hear its approach.

The body was thrown from the track with fearful force. When the body was picked up life was nearly extinct, and young McGill was dead within ten minutes.

The body was removed to the depot, where it remained until a late hour this afternoon.

News was received here this week, of the death of Robert Lobb, on the 12th inst., at his home in Ulrichsville, Ohio. He was born in England, March 3d, 1867, and thirteen years later, he having been born deaf, came with his parents to Cleveland, from which place he was sent to school here. He was most industrious in his studies, eager to learn. While at school he learned the printer's trade, and when he left easily obtained a place in the Cleveland *Leader* office. He worked here several years, and then moved to Ulrichsville, he having been married in the meantime to Miss Amelia Rees, of Gnadenhutten, where he was employed in the *Chronicle* office of that place near up to the time of his death. Despite the inroads on his system by the disease—consumption—he stuck to his work until he was utterly broken down. He leaves a wife and three children, the latter aged, respectively, sixteen, seven and three years; besides his father, two brothers and two sisters.

The editor of the *Chronicle* pays this well deserved tribute to his memory.

"Robert Lobb was a faithful man, true to his family, conscientious in his work, honest in his dealings, upright in every way and without a vice. He walked through life in silence, and his sphere was limited, but he did good. He left good impressions on those about him. He won respect because he deserved it. Fortune was never kind to him in a financial way, but friends he had in plenty among our people who knew how clean he was in character and how deserving in every way."

The Independents left yesterday afternoon for Marysville, where in the evening they played the "Select Five," in a basket ball game. The contest was fast, and according to the Independents very dirty on the part of the "Selects," but all the same victory crowned the efforts of the Independents in their last game of the season.

Score: Independents, 22; Selects, 16. Mr. Ohlemacher was along to umpire the game, and look after the team. The boys came home this noon, just in time for dinner, and felt very good over their efforts and result.

The Ladies' Aid Society at its meeting Thursday evening, ordered the purchase of several articles for the Home, recommended by the Visiting Committee, Miss Edgar. The society also arranged for a play to be given for the benefit of the Home.

A. B. G.

Keith and Proctor's Theatres

A good bill is promised at Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theatre the week of March 30th. Lawrence D'Orsey, the well-known English actor, will be seen in a comedy sketch by Robert W. Davis, entitled, "Footfalls."

Gertrude Hoffman in her imitations of well-known people, will be a headline attraction at Keith and Proctor's 58th Street Theatre the week of March 30th. The Farno Troupe will present "A Night in the Slums of London," a very funny English act. Clarence Wilbur and Company will play a funny school-room sketch. Franklin and Greene will introduce into their sketch some brilliant piano playing. Adeline Dunlap and Company will be seen in "the Operator," an intensely dramatic sketch. Reiff brothers, singers and dancers; the Bounding Gordons, acrobats, and Stanley and Cogswell, complete the bill.

William Courtleigh and company in George Hobart's brilliant little comedy, "Peaches," is a headline attraction at Keith and Proctor's 125th Street Theatre the week of March 30th.

The Stock Company at Keith and Proctor's Harlem Opera House will present "Becky Sharpe," the dramatization of Thackeray's "Vainty Fair," which Mrs. Fiske has played in New York with such great success.

Continuous Moving Picture show with travalogues and illustrated songs at Union Square Bijou Dream. Admission 10 cents, to the boxes 25 cents. Performance continuous from 9 A.M. until 10:50 P.M.

The father of Oscar Merrill, of Martin's Creek, Pa., died, on the 15th of March, at the ripe age of eighty-nine years.

PHILADELPHIA.

Sorrow Over Mr. Zimmerman's Death.

TWO FINE LECTURES.

Church and City Notes.

News items for this column should be sent to James S. Reider, 1538 North Dover Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. J. Add. McIlvaine, Jr., entertained the members of the Clerc Literary Association with a lecture on "Peculiarities of India," last Thursday evening, 19th of March. The attendance was unusually large. A short social time followed the lecture, during which the members were treated to cheese and ham sandwiches, ice-cream, cakes, chocolate and coffee. It was meant as the last treat of the outgoing administration, whose term ends this week. The Association will hold its annual election of officers on Thursday evening this week. It promises to be a quiet affair, and we shall not be surprised if the old regime will be continued in office, for it seems to have given general satisfaction.

The news of the sudden and distressing death of Mr. William J. Zimmerman, a popular young deaf-mute of Steelton, Pa., which was announced in last week's issue of the JOURNAL, came as a great shock to many of his friends of Philadelphia. After the deceased left school at Mount Airy some years ago, he used to make occasional visits to this city, and made lots of acquaintances here. It may be be well remembered that last summer he was in attendance at the Convention of of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, of which he was a member, and that the last visit he made was during the last Christmas holidays, staying a full week as the guest of his bosom friend, John A. Roach.

Mr. Zimmerman is survived by by his aged deaf parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman and three deaf sisters, Mrs. Henry W. Hagy and Mrs. David C. Devlin, both of Steelton, and Mrs. Jennie A. Smith, of Philadelphia, to whom many friends desire to extend their most profound sympathy for their sad bereavement.

There was a well attended meeting of the Philadelphia Local Branch, P. S. A. D., at All Souls' Hall last Saturday evening, March 21st. The attraction was a reading by the Rev. F. C. Smielau, whose subject was "Cleopatra." It was a long, rapid-fire delivery, somewhat out of the ordinary that we have been accustomed to receive for a long time, yet as clear and enjoyable as any other that we have had. The usual mark of appreciation—a vote of thanks—was given Mr. Smielau by the Branch.

Rev. Mr. Smielau had not appeared before a Philadelphia audience of the deaf for the past seven years, and when asked for his views, said that he noted a great improvement at All Souls' Church. As a former member of All Souls', he seemed pleased with the opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

On Sunday afternoon, 22d inst., Rev. Mr. Smielau officiated at All Souls' Church, while the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Dantzer took his place in Allentown. He preached an eloquent, helpful, and forceful sermon from the text, St. Luke 20:49—"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Those present who saw Mr. Smielau preach seven years ago, must have noted a distinct improvement in his delivery—an improvement that can only be gained by experience. The choir, led by Miss Jeanette King, rendered Hymn 78 in a very creditable manner. After the service, Mr. Smielau saw the work of the large Bible Class, and afterwards he left for Allentown.

Lenten services are held on every Wednesday evening, during the season in All Souls' Church. They are well attended, but there is room for more.

John A Roach went to Steelton, Pa., a week ago to attend the funeral of Mr. William J. Zimmerman. After returning home he was unfortunate to be confined to the house by an indisposition for several days.

Mr. William H. Lipsett will give a religious lecture at the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf at Doylestown next Sunday, March 29th, at about two o'clock.

Miss Louise M. Lauer, of Rochester, N. Y., left for home last Saturday morning after having spent a pleasant month here among friends.

Gabriel Franck is in Stamford, Ct., and has written to a friend here that he may remain there, having secured work on a farm.

On Sunday, 15th inst., Mr. W. H. Lipsett gave a lengthy talk in "Local Option" before the Beth Israel Deaf Society.

March 18th, Leon Keeney, brother of Roy and Ray Keeney, died suddenly at his home in Mt. Airy. The surviving brothers and a sister are deaf, and they have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. The funeral was held last Saturday afternoon, and the interment was at the Ivy Hill Cemetery. Laib Hamburg attended the funeral.

Mrs. Jennie A. Smith has returned from Steelton, where she attended the funeral of her brother and remained a week.

Mr. George C. Thomas has sent All Souls' a check for $100, for its work. Later on, he says, he will make a contribution to the Parish House building fund.

Mrs. R. W. Stephenson, of Trenton, N. J., is temporarily living here for her young daughter's benefit. Mr. Stephenson joins her here every Saturday and remains over Sunday.

Mr. R. M. Ziegler teaches All Souls' Bible Class this month—March.

Washington.

In last week's issue of the JOURNAL, Mr. Wm. H. Weeks undertakes to correct a statement by one of the JOURNAL'S correspondents. He says that Mr. Isaac H. Benedict is not among the living. Such, however, is not correct, for Mr. Benedict is very much alive at this writing, and is enjoying a well-earned rest with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bryant, on East Capitol Street. Mr. Benedict resigned his position in the Treasury about eight years ago, after thirty-six years of faithful service. Since resigning, Mr. Benedict has not been idle, but has spent most of his time studying foreign languages. Up to date, he has mastered seven of them. He is now eighty-three years old, but is still vigorous both mentally and physically, and when the warm summer days come around, he will hie himself to Long Island Sound, where Mr. Bryan owns a cottage. He also informed your correspondent that he expected to attend the next convention of th N. E. G. A., and that he would be pleased to meet Mr. Weeks there, and converse with him in Russian, German, French, Slavic, or plain old English.

At the last business meeting of the Literary Society, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. H. C. Merrill; Vice-President, Miss Sadie L. Dailey; Secretary, Mr. W. P. Sowder; Treasurer, Mr. E. E. Bernsdorff; Committee on Programme: Messrs. A. D. Bryant and A. F. Adams, and *ex-officio* member of the Board, Mr. H. L. Stafford.

The ladies of Washington, both members and non-members of Trinity Deaf-Mute Mission, met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stafford, and organized a guild. It will be known as the Women's Guild of Trinity Deaf-Mute Mission. Mrs. G. O. Erickson was elected president, Mrs H. C. Merrill, secretary, and Miss C. Mades, treasurer. The guild will meet every Tuesday evening, at the homes of the members.

The following article is clipped from the Washington *Evening Times*, of March 21st:—

"My husband was always kind to baby and myself, and I don't want a divorce from him," wrote Mrs. Amanda Virnstein, a deaf-mute in Justice Gould's Court, on a pad of paper.

"Then why did you bring this suit?" wrote the jusice.

"False friends urged me to do it, but I never thought it meant our separation. I thought it was just to get his wages," she replied, still using the pad and pencil.

Justice Gould dismissed the complaint. "Now that a lot of outsiders have failed in their efforts to part my wife from me, berhaps they are satisfied," said her husband, James Virnistein, a machinist, at the navy yard, as he lead his wife from the courthouse.

Virnstein, who lives at 1434 Georgia Avenue, southeast, was unable to bring home the usual amount in his pay envelope of late, on account of the enforced furloughs.

His wife mentioned the fact to a friend. The friend, who considered herself very wise in the ways of this world, told the wife that her husband was holding back some of his wages, and advised her to swear out a warrant for his arrest. Mrs. Virnstein claims she did this, not knowing that he would be arrested.

She says it was on the same advice that she went to an attorney and laid charges before him which warranted him in bringing the suit.

Now she declares she regrets the hasty action.

Dr. Thomas F. Fox of New York will deliver a reading on "The Lady of Lyons," before the Deaf of Washington, on the evening of May 2d. A large attendance is expected, as Dr. Fox's lectures are always very interesting.

R. E. L. Nicholson is morning over the loss of a valuable Great Dane dog, that some miscreant poisoned a few days ago.

W. P. S.

March 22, 1908.

Mrs. Sam Witton, formerly Miss Rachofsky, a pupil of the Lexington Avenue School, a resident of Denver, Colorado, with her son is visiting her schoolmate Miss Ida L. Frank, at the Blythewood, Lakewood, N. J.

FANWOOD.

Fourth Manual Did Very Well

BEFORE THE F. L. A.

Base Ball News

From our Regular Corresponpent.

Last Saturday evening, March 21st, the Fanwood Literary Association was entertained by the Fourth Manual Class, one of the younger classes—with a rather interesting program. The evening was passed quietly, except during the dialogue, which being very amusing, produced much laughter among the audience. The debate, though being a good subject, was apparently not fully understood by the debaters, for many of their remarks "missed fire." Following is the program :

READING, "An Ungrateful Soldier," by I. Zwicker.

DEBATE : "*Resolved*, That it is safer to keep one's money at home than to deposit it in a bank."
Affirmative side, W. T. Gross; Negative side, John O'Brien.

READING, "God's Care," by D. Wax.

READING, "The Indians and the Mustard," by A. Borochow.

READING, "The Indian and the Little Boy," by J. Grossman.

READING, "A Brave Little Cripple," by J. Lange.

READING, "Why the Bear has a Short Tail," by M. Samovitz.

READING, "The Bon Homme Richard," by J. O'Brien.

DIALOGUE, "A Home Talk," by Messrs. W. Staak, W. Gross, M. Weiner, A. Dirkes, and L. Kerner.

The readings were all very good and were much enjoyed. The dialogue was the "whole in the nutshell." W. Staak represented the rich father of W. Gross, and with silk hat and evening coat strutted around the platform. His son soon appeared, and every one roared with laughter to see father and son kiss each other—or rather the way in which it was done. Albert Dirkes borrowed a skirt and waist of a lady friend, and though not up to the mark, did very good, in posing as the wife of Cadet Gross, Morris Weiner as the colored valet got "too fresh" with every one who came to the house, and came near being fired. The family had a great deal of interest in automobiles, and had an expert chauffeur in the person of Louis Kerner, who appeared with a valise on which was an inscription declaring that he was the great and only chauffeur who had reached the North Pole in an automobile.

The latest automobile news was not too dry for him, so he fished out a Jewish paper, of which language he has no knowledge, and commenced to read. The valet also became interested in the paper, and put his face so close that the chauffeur could not read at all. At length the father called the chauffeur and asked him if he had seen the Thomas car in the race from New York to Paris. Of course he had, as it would not be chauffeur-like to deny it. Well, the father left and took passage to Europe, via the platform steps. Cadet Gross, and his wife, accompanied by the chauffeur soon followed, leaving the house in the possession of the colored valet, who was so superstitious at being left all alone in a big mansion, that he promptly deserted.

Misses Beir, Sprague, and Captain Weisberg, who were selected by First Vice-President Lux, in charge of the proceedings, retired after the debate, and at the conclusion of the program, Chairman Weisberg returned a verdict of 25 points to 23, in favor of the negative side.

Dr. Fox complimented the class upon its excellent showing—it being its first appearance—and then gave the news of the week. The meeting was then dismissed, upon motion to adjourn.

Last Saturday afternoon, a team from the neighborhood appeared and played a game of baseball with the pupils here. Most of the outsiders were large fellows, and so a team of the larger pupils was picked from among those who remained here. Lautenberger took the box for the home team, and did pretty fair, striking out ten opponents, while the hearing pitcher got two more strike outs on our boys. The hearing team changed player after player, when some of their boys' playing did not satisfy them, so in the latter part of the game the hearing team was stronger than at first.

HEARING TEAM.	R	H	PO	A	E
Breen, D., r.f.,	1	1	0	0	0
Paction, c.f.,	0	1	2	1	0
Brown, 3b.,	0	1	0	0	1
Sailor, c.,	0	0	12	2	1
Hagerty, s.s.,	1	1	2	3	0
Breen, E., 2b.,	1	1	2	4	0
Thomas, p.,	1	1	12	1	1
Maciend, 1b.,	0	0	0	0	0
Hawkes, l.f.,	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	7	30	15	4

PICKED TEAM.	R	H	PO	A	E
Klier, 2b.,	3	0	0	0	0
Kerner, r.f.,	1	2	14	3	1
Brauer, c.f.,	0	1	0	9	0
Lautenberger, p	0	3	0	5	0
Stokeley, 3b.,	1	1	5	4	3
Morgan, s.s.,	0	0	1	1	0
Weisberg, 1b.,	0	1	7	0	1
Dennis, l.f.,	1	1	1	0	0
Aufort, r.f.,	0	0	2	2	2
Total	6	9	30	15	7

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Hearing	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3		0—6
Picked Team	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0		0—6

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The score was tied for three or four of the last innings, until the first half of the eleventh inning, when the hearing boys got one more run. Then they went off as if they had won the game, when the deaf boys still had a chance, so the umpire declared the game a draw. If the hearing team comes here again to play, we hope our boys will defeat them easily.

The Principal has received several handsomely framed pictures of the companies at Butts' Drill, and while at parade rest, "with the field music on the sound off." The original pictures were much smaller, and were enlarged. Doubtless, they will adorn one of the offices.

The weather has become warmer, and the Regulars are excepted to do some hard practice and get in good trim for their game with Betts' Academy. Capt. Lux will keep all the Regulars here on Saturday afternoons, dependent upon the weather.

Mr. John T. Terry, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and his niece, made a tour of inspection on Saturday afternoon. Principal Currier showed the advantages of the spiral fire escapes, which admit of 200 exits per minute.

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TOLD BY GESTURES.

SILENT TESTIMONY OF A DEAF-MUTE IN A FRENCH MURDER TRIAL.

PARIS, March 11.—A murder trial at Bordeaux in which an innkeeper, his wife and two accomplices were charged with killing a customer was the occasion of a dramatic scene when one of the witnesses took the stand. This witness, named Lacampague, was a deaf-mute ignorant of the ordinary finger language.

His brother-in-law and two of his friends appeared to translate his gestures into words, but their services were really unnecessary, so clearly did he express himself by that instinctive mimicry which is sometimes the accompaniment of speech but here became its substitute.

During his evidence the deaf-mute, who had been the handy man of the inn, always designated the victim by sucking in his cheeks against his teeth, the landlord by shaking his fist—his employer's usual method of speaking to him—the landlord's wife by putting his hands to his hair, one accomplice by curling his mustache, and the other by striking an imaginary match on his trousers, as this prisoner was a smuggler of matches.

Then with short abrupt gestures, as clear as they were rapid, he told his story, how the landlady sent him away on an errand, how he returned to find the door locked, how he entered by the cellar door, saw the corpse, saw one murderer washing a blood-stained hammer, another cleaning his face and hands, and the landlady embracing her husband as if to thank him for what he had done. The landlord caught sight of him and dealt him a violent blow, them, changing his mind, made signs to him to help to get rid of the body.

At this point the landlord, who clearly followed the deaf-mute's story, broke in with "That's a lie! That's a lie!"

Lacampagne turned, looked in the landlord's face, then stamping with his foot he raised his hand and stood in the same solemn attitude in which he had taken the oath.

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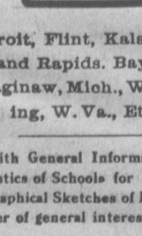
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